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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Eagle is authorized to make the following announcements subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held in July:

For Congress
HON. RUFUS HARDY,
of Corsicana.

CITY ELECTION

For Mayor
J. T. MALONEY.
E. J. FOUNTAIN.

BRYAN, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 28, 1910

AGAINST LEASING COUNTY CON- VICTS.

There is a well-defined sentiment in the county against leasing the county convicts, and, it is understood, that when the commissioners meet Monday to consider the situation, they will be waited upon by a committee of taxpayers and reasons given why the convicts should be put on the public roads of the county instead of being leased. Under the lease system the county is paid \$15 per month for each convict sent to the farm, and the revenue thus derived was considerable. On the other hand, the quarterly bill for road work allowed at the last meeting of the court amounted to something in the neighborhood of \$1600. Besides in putting convicts on the roads, officers get but one-half the costs which they now receive in cases where conviction is had, and this would be no inconsiderable addition to the amount now being paid out on the roads. The subject is one which may be argued from many standpoints, and it is expected that the session of the court will be an interesting one, no matter what action is taken. The News-Chronicle ventures the forecast that the convicts will not be leased, for from those who have given any opinion whatever on the matter, it appears the preponderance of public sentiment is against it, and the commissioners are not likely to ignore it.—Caldwell News-Chronicle.

A long time ago, ten years or more, Brazos county abandoned the system of leasing the county convicts and has since been working them on the public roads. The result is so satisfactory that the matter has ceased to be discussed. In the county road working force there are only two paid men, the county superintendent of public roads and the engineer of the steam road working machine. This system is not only more economical but it produces better results than the old slipshod way, which is now almost forgotten.

SENATOR REAL'S OPINION.

Senator Real of the San Antonio district says Davidson will be elected governor and that submission will be submitted and carry. Why should he butt in?—Seguin Gazette.

Senator Real, being a Republican and an outsider, is in a better position to understand the situation than any of us who are mixed up in the fray. He is not butting in; only proclaiming the result of his observations from his perch in the top of a tree. Being in the heart of Colquitt's territory it is natural, though, that the Colquitt organs should resent his exposure of their candidate's weakness.

The Eagle, as a rule, does not reprint complimentary mention of itself in exchanges, not for lack of appreciation but because it savors of self-glorification; but the veteran Maj. Mose Harris of the San Antonio Republic hands us this bijou of a boutonniere, of which we feel justly proud: "The Eagle, be it remembered, is a rock-ribbed, blown-in-the-bottle Democratic newspaper; and yet, it will be observed, it is capable of telling the truth, and has the courage—rare, indeed!—to do so."

Scrapers and mules, scrapers and mules;
Wagons and plows and grading tools;
Tents and baggage and camping kits—
Everything needed by grading outfits;
Negro teamsters and negro cooks;
Dogs which plainly show by their looks
They love a chase by the light of the moon
Of slick-tail possum or ring-tail coon;
Such are the articles, light and heavy,
That are going down to work on the levy.

The Somerville Advertiser prints this item, which will interest a good many people in this section: "Tom Savage was up from the government works on the Brazos a few days this week. The force is now stationed about one mile below the Santa Fe bridge, where another lock and dam is to be put in. He informed the reporter that work was progressing more rapidly than for some time, owing to the good behavior of the river."

Newspapers are still discussing the relative merits of the old aldermanic system and the new commission form of municipal government, and occasionally a city, or town, votes on the proposition to change from the one to the other. This reminds us of Pope's pithy couplet:
"For forms of government let fools contest,
Whatever's best administered is best."

The Waco ministers of all denominations, including the Jewish rabbi, have united in a petition to the city council not to permit a wrestling match between a woman and a man which was advertised to take place tomorrow night. Is there anything more indecent in a wrestling bout than there is in hugging set to music?

Referring to such cattle as those predo-Confederate veterans who objected to placing Lincoln's picture in a Dallas school, Senator Gordon of Mississippi in his farewell speech said: "A few blabmouthed people down our way talk differently, but they are so insignificant that they are not worth cussing; they are not worth wasting invectives upon."

The Burleson County Ledger says, "although some fifty thousand immigrants are said to have landed in Texas last year, precious few of them came to Burleson county," and asks "Why?" For the very simple reason that they were not invited, and for the same reason they didn't come to Brazos county.

By way of consolation, a friend said to the editor that forty or fifty years hence Bryan will have beautiful streets and sidewalks. Let us hope so; but, long ere that time the editor expects to be joyfully promenading along the golden paved streets of the New Jerusalem.

Schools build and maintain good towns, but schools alone never build cities. Wherever you find smokestacks as thick as forest trees, tin-bucket brigades enough to form an army corps and pay rolls a mile long, there you see streets lengthening and old fields turned into business blocks.

According to the vital statistics bulletin there were born in Texas in the month of January, 3,969 children, including thirty-four pairs of twins. When Roosevelt hears of such heroic work in opposition to race suicide his desire to write a history of Texas will surely be irrepresable.

Proclaim it in the market places, about it from the housetops, that Thursday, March 10, is clean-up day

for all Texas. Those who think Bryan doesn't need cleansing ought to go to Temple or Lampasas and see what a clean town looks like.

Now that Senator Bailey, by his next friend, Col. R. M. Johnson of Houston, has announced his intention to support Poindexter for governor the stampede from Colquitt to Poindexter, which began two weeks ago, is no longer a mystery.

There are several of The Eagle's exchanges who seem to think that politics means office and nothing else. If this were true political parties would contain only office seekers and their personal friends.

The farmer who lives at home and boards at the same house has the advantage of all other men because the cost of living can never get so high that he cannot afford plenty to eat and that of the best.

A wise, systematic and persistent enforcement of the vagrancy law would be approved by the best citizens and would rid the town of an element that is not only worthless but dangerous.

All three of the ex-attorney general's opponents are making fun of his coon skin postal cards, but they can't deny that Davidson has the coon skins all right.

NEW CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR.

Alderman E. J. Fountain Enters Race and Outlines Short Platform.

To the Democratic Voters of the City of Bryan:

In this issue of The Eagle, I announce as a candidate for mayor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. In so doing I feel that I have the confidence of my fellow citizens in my fitness, in my capacity and in my Democracy. I have lived among you all my life and I feel that you know me, and that it is not necessary for me to tell of my record.

If elected mayor, I promise a business and economical administration.

If elected mayor I pledge myself to oppose the purchase from the Bryan Water, Ice, Light and Power Co., its plant or any part of same. I will use my energies in getting water, lights and sewerage in this city. I will also do everything within my power to improve our streets and sidewalks.

I have no horn to blow or herald to announce my fitness and capacity for office. The time is short and I leave it to the people to pass on me.

E. J. FOUNTAIN.

A FABLE WITH A MORAL.

A duck which stuck faithfully to business during the summer and laid several dozens of large fawn colored eggs complained that she wasn't appreciated. "See that hen over there," said the duck. "She hasn't laid as many eggs as I have, nor as big, but she has books written about her and verses composed in her honor, while nobody is saying a word about me."

"The trouble with you is," said the wise old rooster that was standing near, "that you don't tell the public what you have done. You lay an egg and waddle off without saying a word, but that sister of mine never lays one without letting every one in the neighborhood know about it. If you want to cut any ice in this community you must learn to advertise."—Palestine Herald.

Light.

Father—You seem to look at things in a very different light since your marriage. Newly Married Daughter—Well, so I ought after receiving fourteen lamps and nine candelabra for wedding presents.

It is easier to appear worthy of a position one does not hold than of the office one fills.—La Rochefoucauld.

A Cinch.

Dubblis—Do you know where I can find a lot facing south? Stubbins—Why not try around the north pole? That's a very likely place.—Judge.

A Hard Job.

Willie—Papa, there's a big black bug on the ceiling. Papa (busy reading)—Well, step on it and don't bother me.—Boston Transcript.

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H. O. BOATWRIGHT, P.
GUY M. BRYAN, JR.
W. P. BRYAN.

UNDER AN UMBRELLA.

An Expensive Adventure of a Famous Parisian Wit.

Romieu, the famous Parisian wit, was one day caught in a shower and forced to seek refuge in a doorway of the opera house. It was 6 o'clock, and he had an engagement at the Cafe de Paris for that very hour. The rain fell in torrents. There was no carriage to be had. He had no umbrella. What was to be done? While he was lamenting his bad luck a gentleman with a large umbrella passed by. Romieu was seized with a sudden inspiration. He rushed out and grasped the stranger by the arm and gravely installed himself under the protecting umbrella.

"I am overjoyed to see you," he immediately began. "I have been looking for you for two weeks. I wanted to tell you about Clementine."

Without giving the stranger time to express his surprise Romieu rattled away with gossip and anecdote until he had led the unknown companion to the door of the Cafe de Paris. Then he glanced at him with a face of well feigned astonishment.

"Pardon, monsieur," he cried. "It seems I am mistaken."

"I believe so," said the stranger.

"Good gracious!" added Romieu. "Be discreet. Don't repeat what I have told you."

"I promise you."

"A thousand pardons!"

Romieu hastened within the cafe and amid great laughter told the adventure to his friends. Suddenly one of them said:

"Your cravat is rumpled."

Romieu put his hand to his neck and turned pale. His pin, a valuable sapphire, was gone. On further examination his purse and watch were found to be gone. The man with the umbrella was a pickpocket.—London Tit-Bits.

An Italian Superstition.

There is an Italian superstition that whenever a king belonging to the house of Savoy dies a huge eagle is to be seen crossing the Alps over the valley of Aosta in the direction of Savoy, and the conviction prevails among the inhabitants of Aosta that this eagle guides the soul of the dead sovereign to join those of his ancestors in Savoy. When King Charles Albert died at Lisbon, King Victor Emmanuel died at Rome and King Humbert was assassinated at Monza in 1900 the eagle was seen winging its way across the Alps. All other eagles crossing the Alps don't seem to count for much.

Ancient Ropes.

Ropes made of various kinds of fiber and leather are of very ancient date. Ropes of palm have been found in Egypt in the tombs of Beni-Hassan (about 3000 B. C.), and on the walls of these tombs is also shown the process of preparing hemp. In a tomb at Thebes of the time of Thothmes III. (about 1600 B. C.) is a group representing the process of twisting thongs of leather and the method of cutting leather into thongs.

We're All Alike.

"The Chinese worship ancestors." "How queer! By the way, have you heard the latest? Marjorie is engaged to a real live duke."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The rarest of flowers is candor.— Rachue.

Cutting Red Tape.

Many amusing stories are told of ways in which postoffice officials, inclined to keep too rigorously to the letter of their regulations, have been thwarted. On one occasion a man asked for 240 penny stamps and tendered payment in copper. The official declined to receive it, whereupon the man began buying and paying for one stamp at a time. Before he had got a dozen in that way the postoffice official had surrendered. It must have been the same man or a near relative who one Sunday went into a postoffice that was open for telegraph business only. He handed in a sixpenny telegram and asked to be supplied with two stamps besides. No, he could not have stamps; telegraph business only was transacted. Innocently he asked if he might have his telegram back for a moment to add something. He added four words to it and tendered the additional twopence. The form was returned to him with the stamps to affix. Crossing out the four additional words, he affixed the sixpenny stamp, pushed the telegram under the counter rail and walked out with his two stamps.—London Tatler.

"I do say, and here it is, but it's fangs clean through that wagon is swarmed with had to leave it and take the horses back."

Now They Speak.

A coolness grew of the following conversation between Jones and Smith.

"I had a splendid evening at the little social gathering of the Goodman mansion."

"Are the Goodman people?"

"Well, I should say so. They are very aristocratic."

"You must have a great deal of money or a great deal of genius."

"You were there?"

"Of course."

"And to be a man has to have plenty of a great deal of genius?"

"Precisely."

"Well, Jones, you have been all of a sudden. Lead me to it."

"Antiquity. Water Pump."

The water pump of today is but an improved version of the one which first appeared during the reign of Ptolemy.

At that time the endless chain of works for raising water began to be replaced by pumps like the Appenham engine, with pistons, and the Prince with one, were first used.

With plunger pistons were used. The pump acting as a screw pump.

If a lump of metal is cupped and it takes a hole out of it, it is called a pump.

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